Tardy Pace of Land Reforms in Delhi

2072. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem titled "concern over tardy pace of land reforms", which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 29th January, 1997.

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed in the conference of State Revenue Ministers held on January 26, 1996 and the decisions arrived at thein;

(c) whether the landless persons declared bhumidhars under Sections 74(4) and 85 of Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954 have again become landless by selling the land, the sale of which is not permissible under the Act; and

(d) if so, how permission to sell the land was given and whether there is any proposal to enquire into the matter and to book the guilty officials; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conference of Revenue Ministers held in New Delhi on January 28th, 1997 adopted 38 valuable recommendations which include time bound distribution of ceiling surplus land, Bhoodan land and Government wastelands, involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in land reforms and land revenue administration, restoration of alienated tribal land, updation of land records including taking up cadastral survey and settlement operations in States where the same is overdue and implementation of various other land reforms measures.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Wasteland Development Proposal of Andhra Pradesh

2073. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for wasteland development has been ssubmitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government for West Godavari district;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether such proposal has been cleared by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No such proposal has been received in the Department of Wastelands Development, Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment for watershed development in West Godawari district of Andhra Pradesh State.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Wasteland Development in Gujarat

2074. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of wasteland in Gujarat at present, district-wise;

(b) the total area of land brought under cultivation during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to give any incentives to the corporate sector for wasteland development;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Precise information about the extent